

TOPICS FOR QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

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California Guidelines for Reducing Bird and Bat Impacts from Wind Development

Sample Questions

In addition to those circumstances/conditions described in the *Guidelines*:

What circumstances might warrant more or less pre-permitting study effort?

What compensatory mitigation measures would be appropriate to offset impacts to birds and bats?

What are some methods for calculating compensatory mitigation for wind energy developments?

What is the biological nexus between bird/bat fatalities and off-site habitat improvement or protection?

What conditions might warrant use surveys for birds or bats during operations monitoring?

What circumstances might require long-term operations monitoring?

How should permit conditions be structured so that additional mitigation is triggered if impacts exceed those estimated by the pre-permitting studies?

Categories for Flipchart Question Compilation

Preliminary information gathering and site screening

- Checklist questions

Permitting & compliance

- CEQA
- State wildlife protection laws (ESA, Fully Protected Species Act)

Pre-permitting assessments of project impacts to birds and bats

- Category framework for determining study effort
- Bird use surveys/acoustical monitoring for bats
- Other survey methods

Impact Analysis

- Direct
- Indirect

- Cumulative

Mitigation

- Avoidance/minimization measures (pre-permitting)
- Compensatory mitigation
- Curtailment or other operations modification

Operations monitoring

- Carcass counts and use monitoring
- Long-term monitoring